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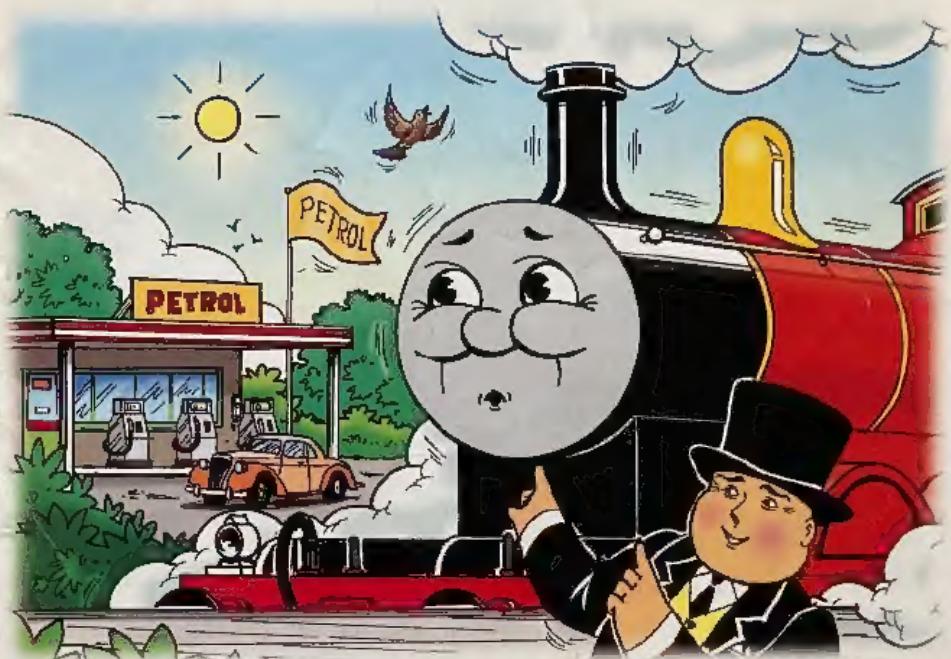
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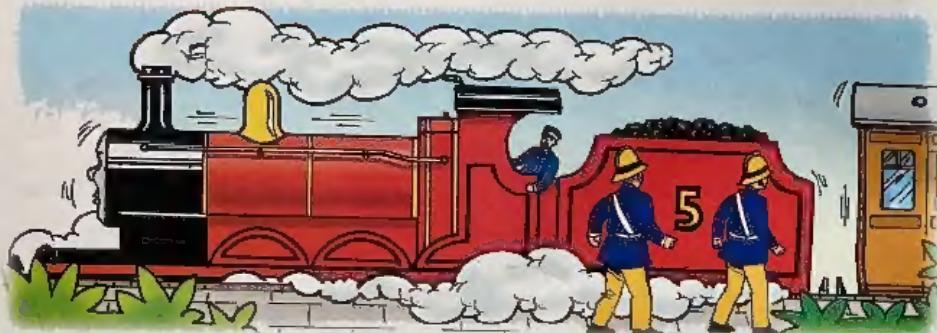
1. "Come on, James, I'm going to borrow you all day," said The Fat Controller. James was very pleased. "You can always rely on a steam engine, Sir! After all, only steam engines are important enough to have stations!" he puffed grandly.

2. The Fat Controller grinned as he boarded James' first carriage. "I wouldn't say only engines have stations, James, my car has broken down at a petrol station!" James frowned, "Oh yes, I forgot about petrol stations!"

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3. At the first stop, three police officers climbed on board. "It's nice to have a day away from the police station!" said one of them. James pulled a face, "Oh yes, there are police stations too!"



4. Then, at the next stop, two fire fighters boarded. "We couldn't all come, we had to leave somebody to look after the fire station!" they said. James huffed, "Oh, there's the fire station too!"

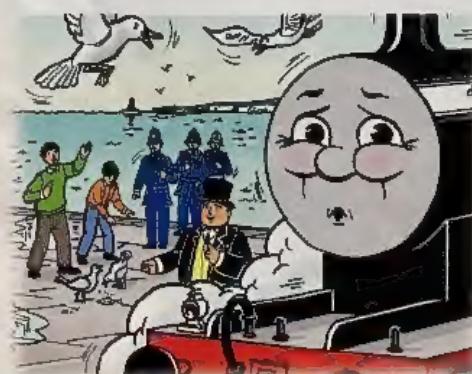


5. James took The Fat Controller, the policemen and the fire fighters to a brand new railway station near the sea. An ambulance was already waiting outside the station and the ambulance drivers came out to meet James' passengers.

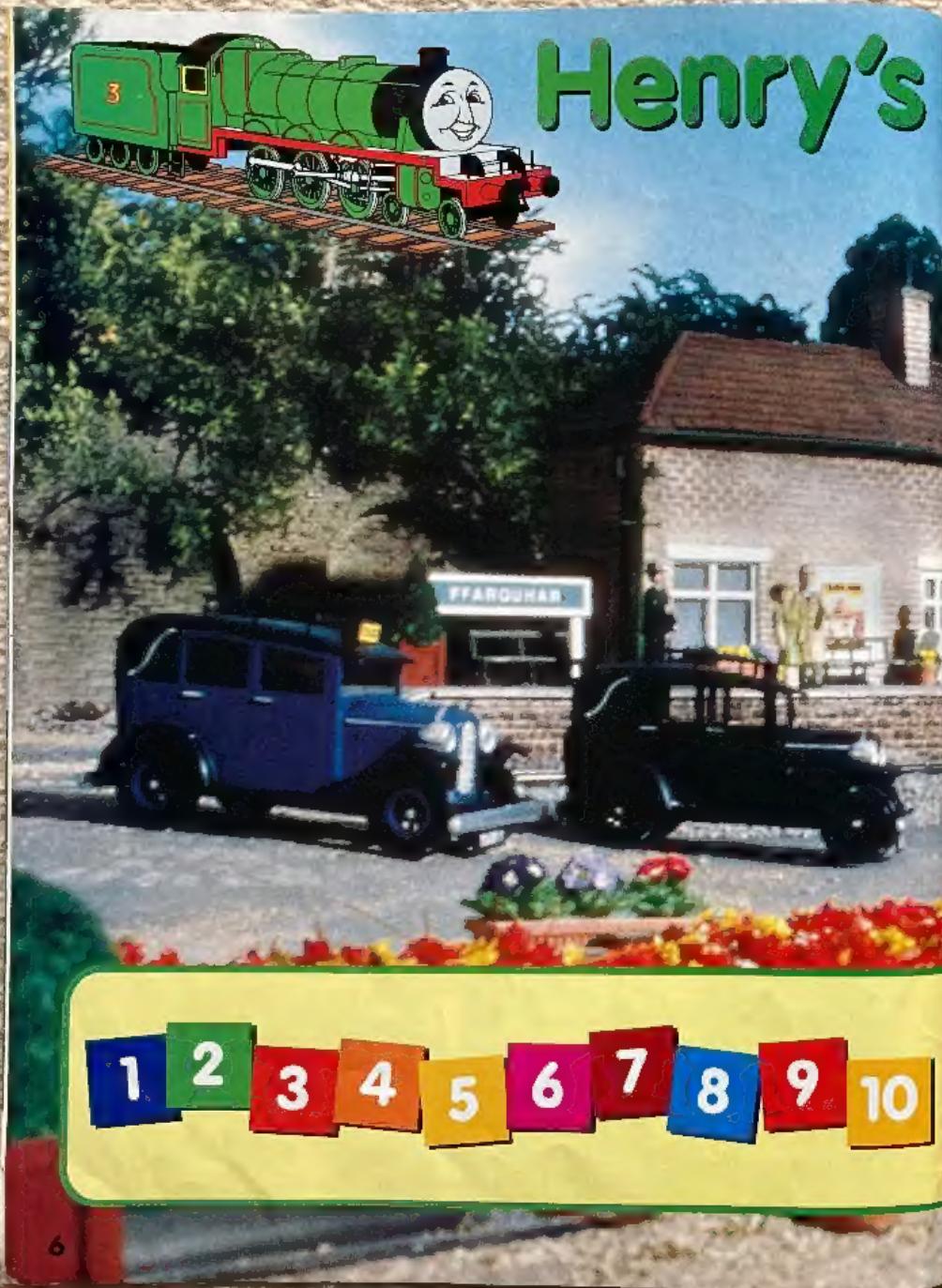


6. James smiled, "I know, you've come from the ambulance station! But what's going on here?" The Fat Controller explained, "These men are here to check the new railway station is safe before we open it!"

7. James looked thoughtful. "Why do we need a new station here?" he said. "Lots of people like to come and visit the old Lifeboat Station over there, and others like to come and see the birds at the feeding station!" The Fat Controller explained.



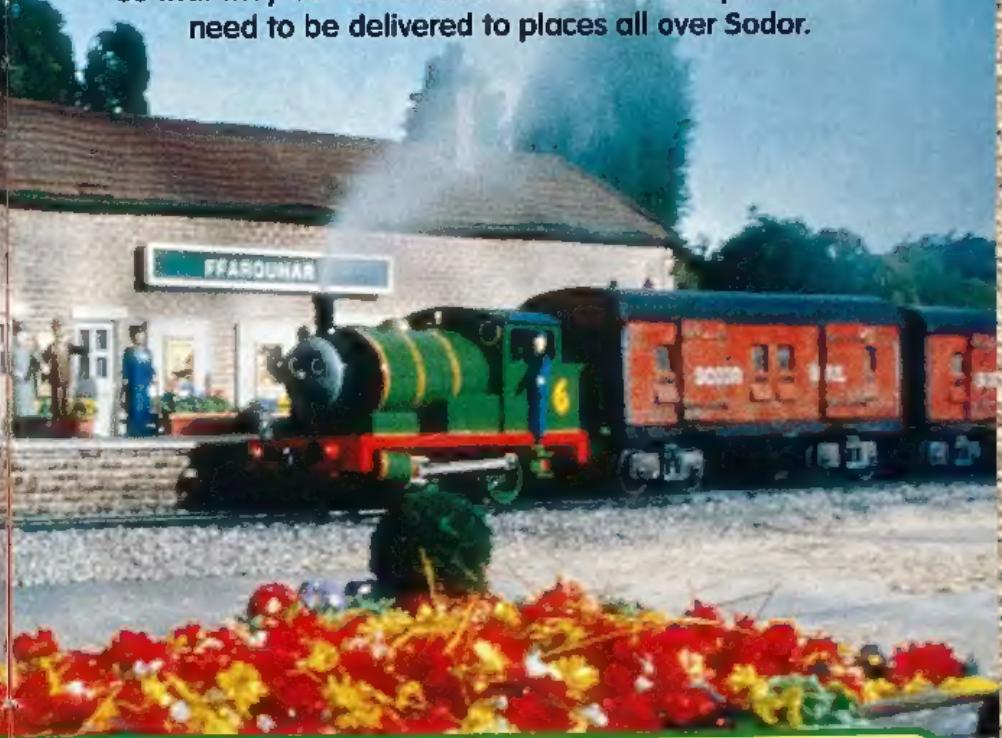
8. James looked at the Lifeboat Station and the busy feeding station and groaned, "Stations, stations, stations! Whoever said only engines were important enough for stations!"



Henry's

Counting Time

Ffarquhar station is a small station near Sodor Quarry. Today Percy is bringing the mail coaches to the station so that they can be loaded with letters and parcels that need to be delivered to places all over Sodor.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6

How many of each of these things can you spot in the picture? Write the numbers in the circles.

mail coaches



cars

station signs



people

7



This is a picture of two trains waiting at Charing Cross station in London. Do you think this photograph was taken during the **day** or at **night**?





Looking at Stations!

All these people are waiting on the station platform for their train to arrive.

Look at the clock. What time is it?



Milepost 92½



Milepost 92½

These people have used the train to travel from the countryside to the big city of London.

How many people can you see?

10

Here is a picture of King's Cross station in north London.

What colour is the bus?



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This large sign tells people where they can find things at the station.

Can you point to the picture of an aeroplane?

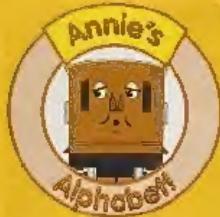


Milepost 92½

These trains have arrived at Waterloo station ready to take passengers to places all around the south and west of England.

How many trains can you see?

11



S for Station

Station begins with the letter **s**. How many other things beginning with the letter **s** can you see in this picture?



Station Staff!

Lots of different people work at the stations all over the island of Sodor. How many people can you count in each row?



guards



**ticket
office staff**



flower
sellers



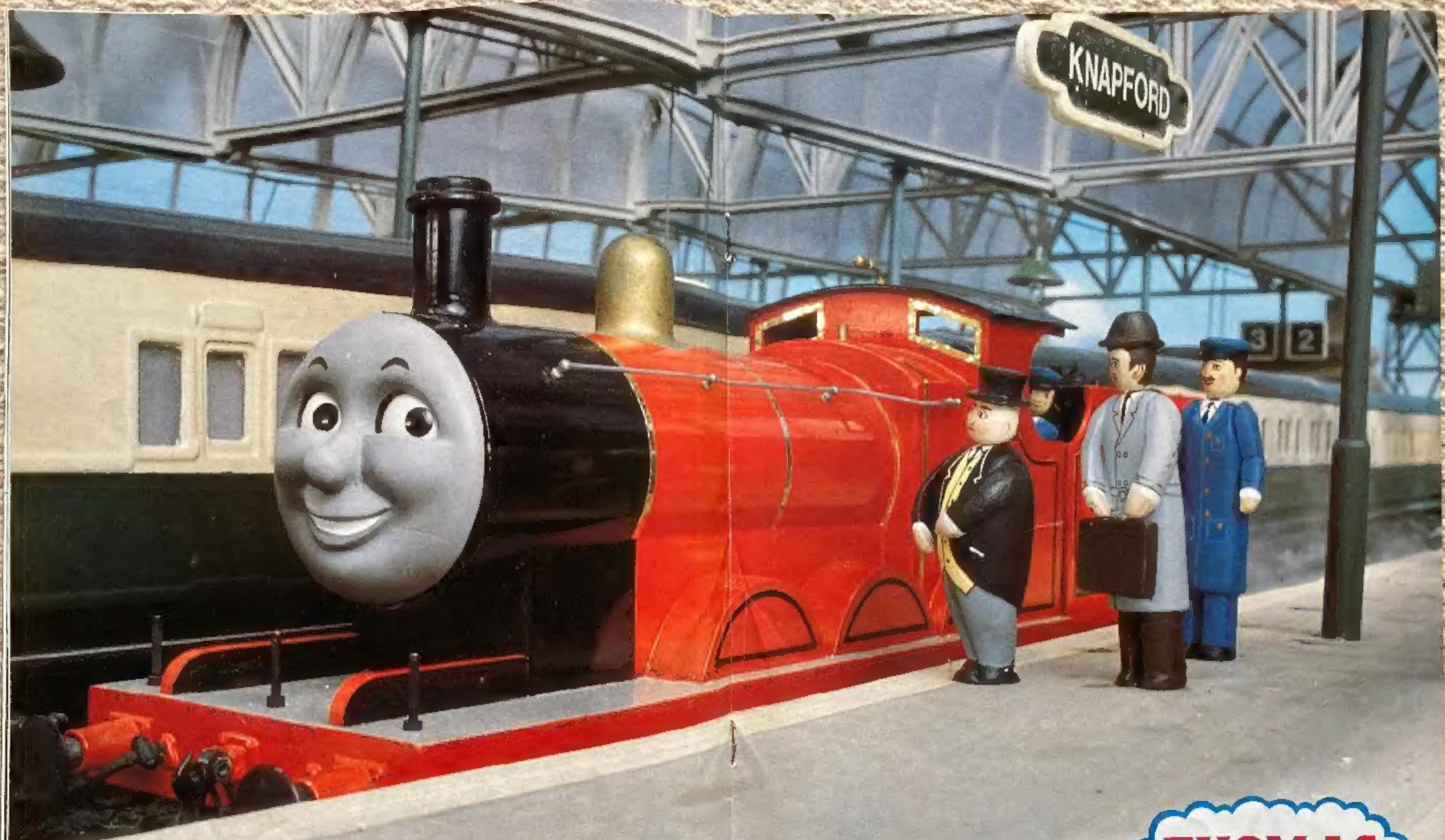
station masters





Painting Fun!





James

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Match with Bill and Ben

Stephen and Bridget have been looking through The Fat Controller's photo album but they've muddled up some of the pictures. Can you help them by matching each sentence with the right picture?

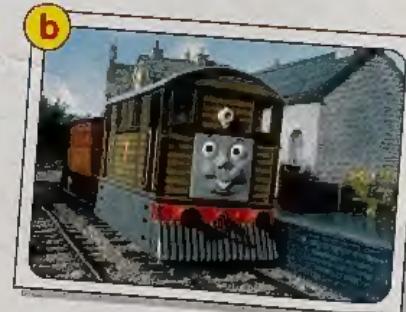
1 **Toby and Henrietta**

3 **Thomas and the flower seller**

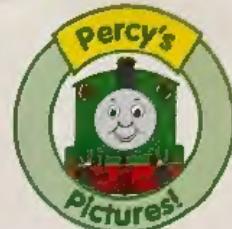


2 **Percy at Dryaw station**

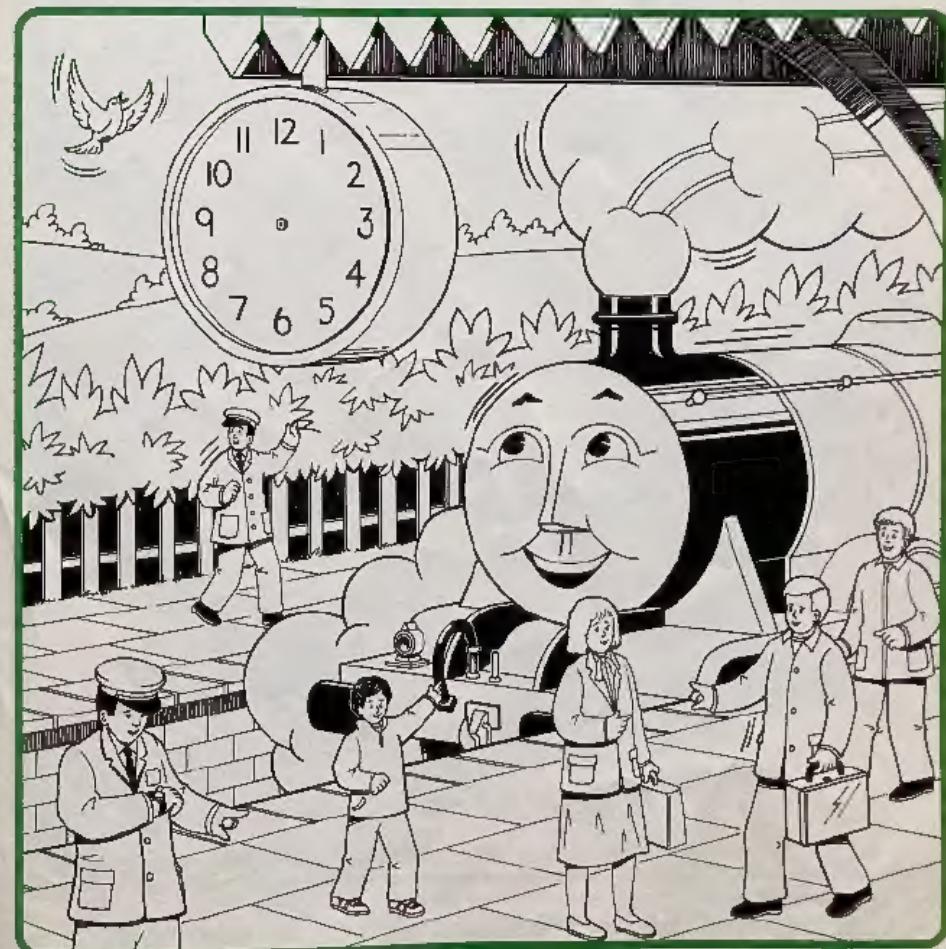
4 **Tidmouth Halt wins Best Dressed Station award!**



What's the Time?



Gordon is due to arrive at Tidmouth station at 3 o'clock. Draw the hands on the station clock so that it shows 3 o'clock. Now colour the picture in.





Station Race

Using your finger or a pencil, show James the quickest way back to the engine shed.

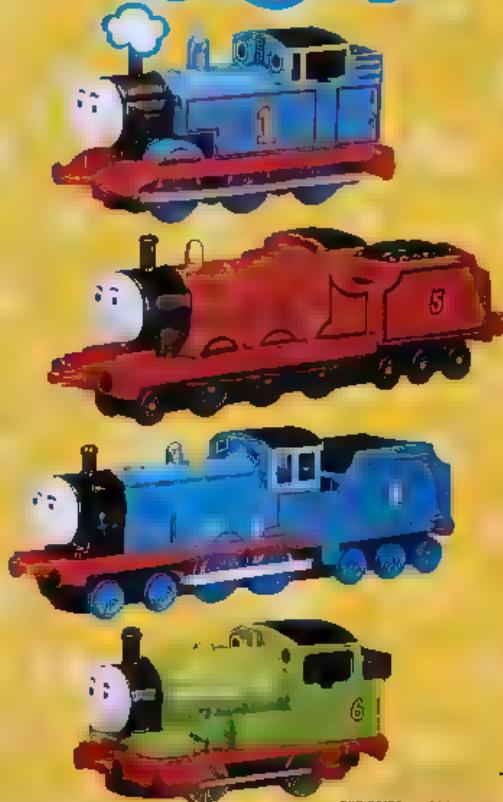


How many stations did James pass on the way?



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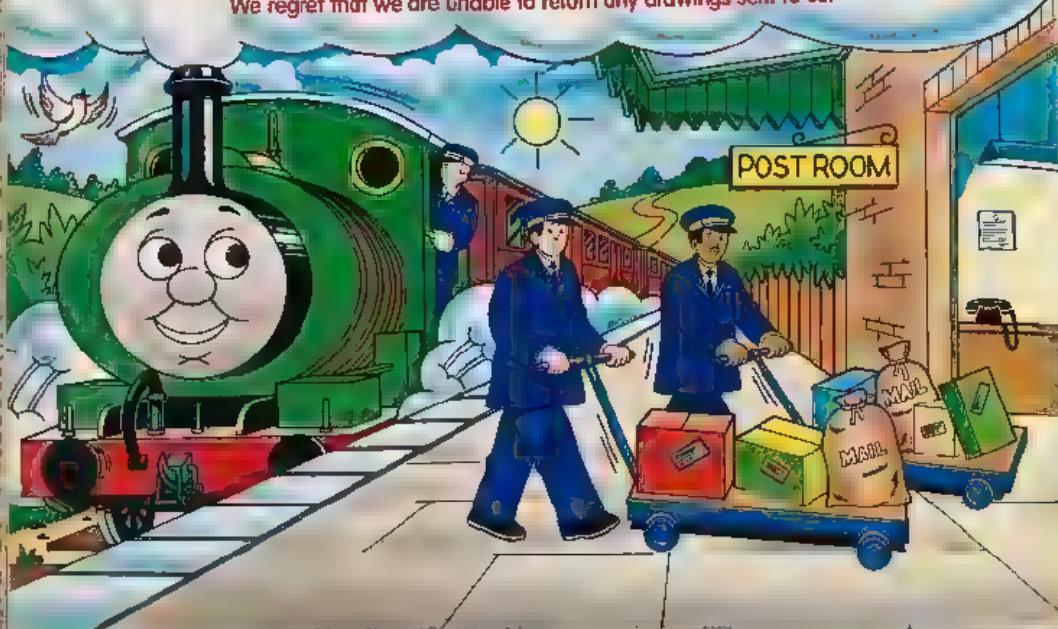
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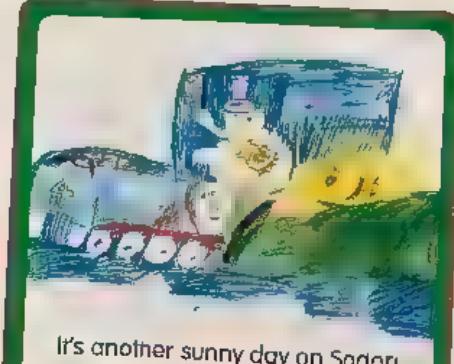
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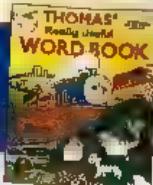
This colourful picture of Gordon was drawn by Gerialt Powell from Powys



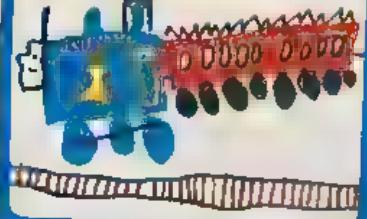
It's another sunny day on Sodor!
By Patrick Taylor, aged 5



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Thomas is taking his coaches to the station in this picture by James Scorer, aged 5



Percy's reached the end of the line! By Stephen Warke, aged 4



The Fat Controller would like to say Happy Birthday to... Richard Williams, aged 6.

Matthew Barks, aged 2. Daniel Ward, aged 4. Connor Jesson, aged 1.

Christopher Thompson,

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Belated Birthday wishes to... Bradley Wilson, aged 4

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At the Station

Peter Sam and Duke have stopped at a small countryside station in Sodor to pick up supplies and deliver them to the quarry.



Take the pictures as you find each thing in the big picture.



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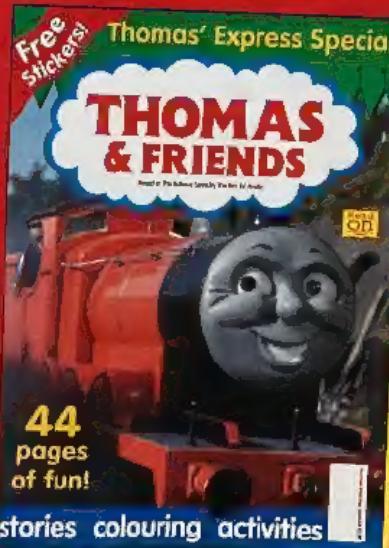


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A Special Story About The Fat Controller



It was The Fat Controller's birthday, on the morning of the twelfth,



he made a very special wish, but he kept it to himself!



He was fed up with just watching, all the engines come and go...



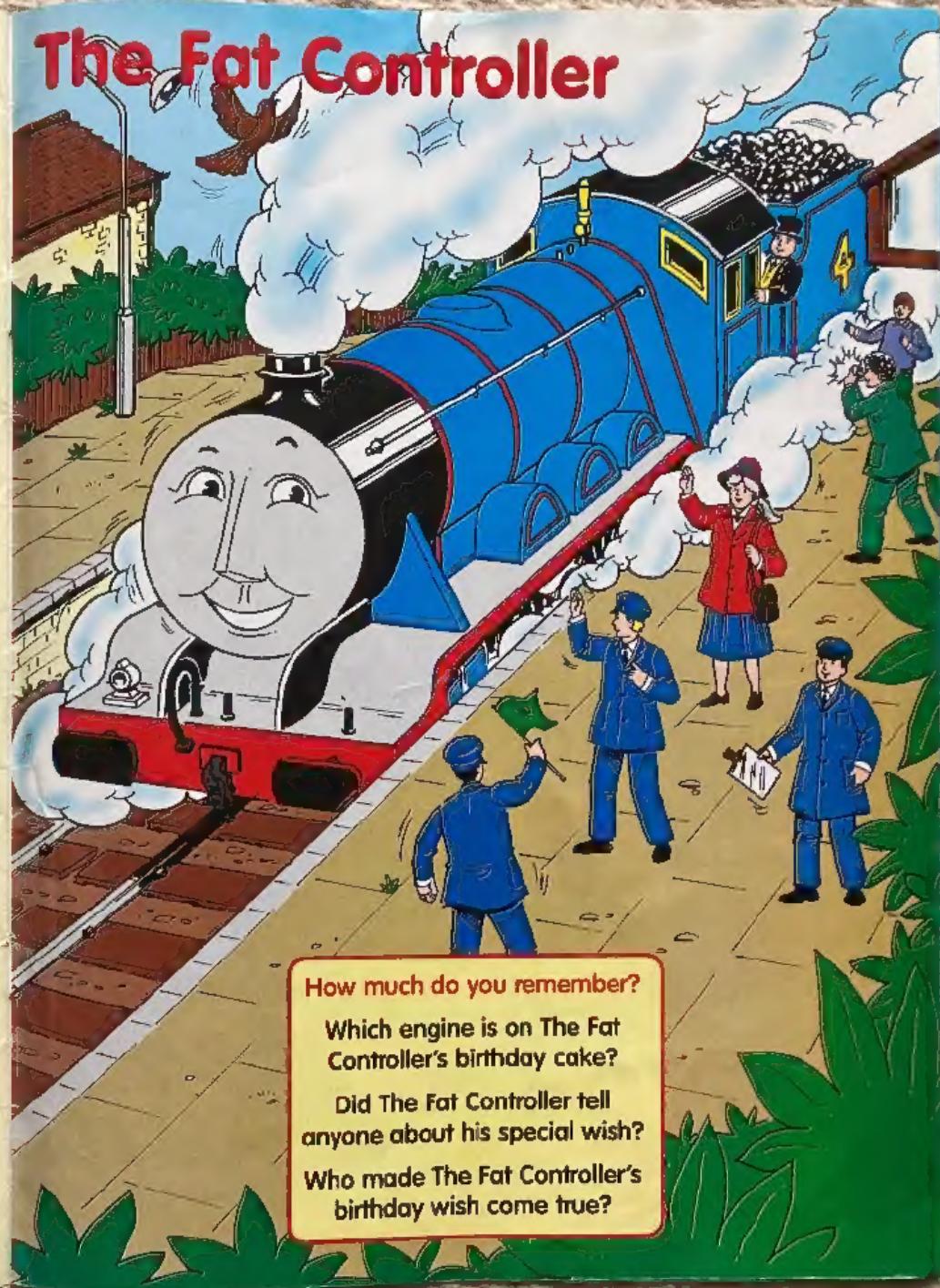
...he wished for an adventure, but quite what he didn't know!



Suddenly his wife announced, before the Sodor Press,



"On The Fat Controller's birthday, He will drive the big express!"



How much do you remember?

Which engine is on The Fat Controller's birthday cake?

Did The Fat Controller tell anyone about his special wish?

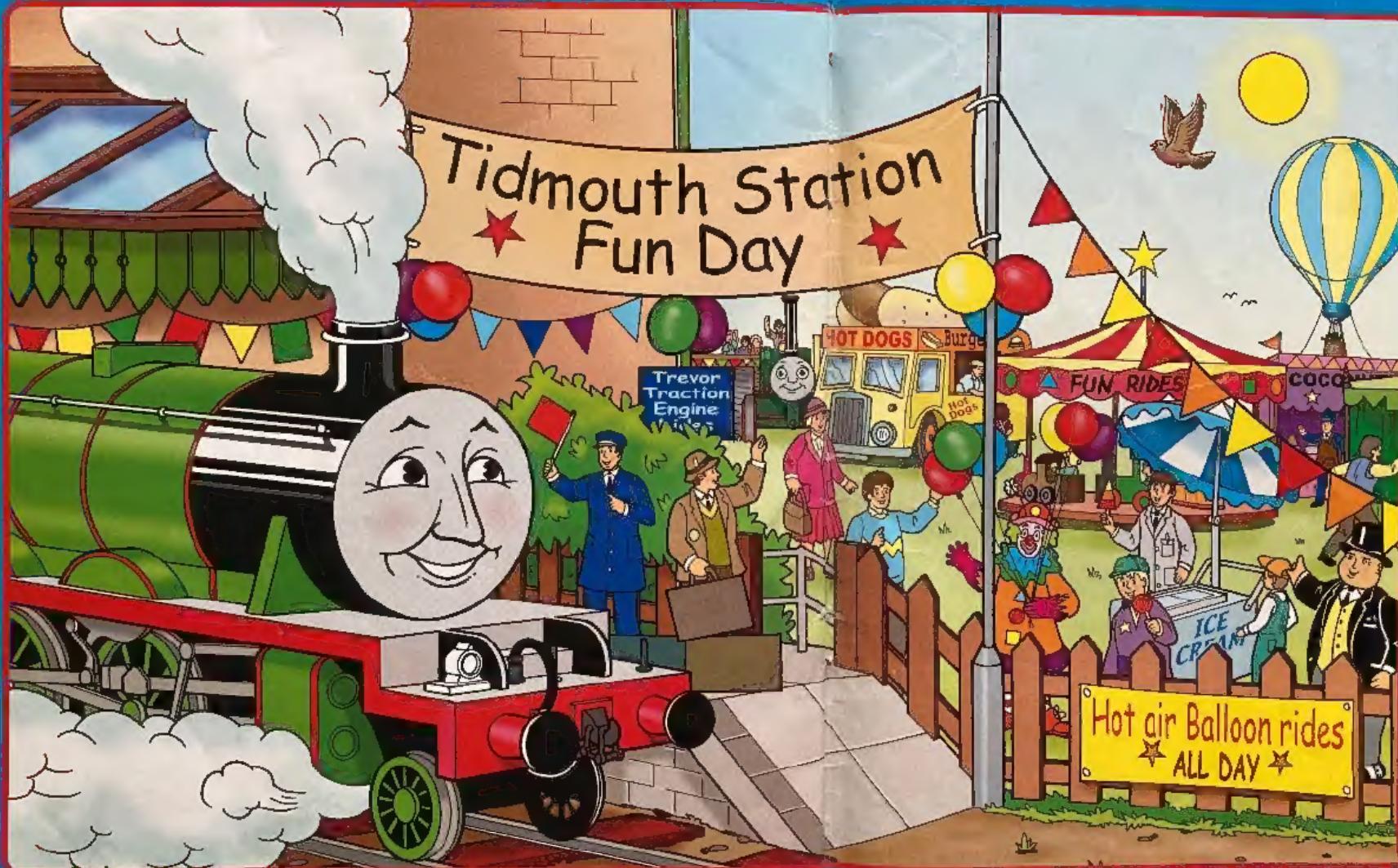
Who made The Fat Controller's birthday wish come true?



Station Shapes!

Today, The Fat Controller is holding a special fun day at Tidmouth Station.

Look at the big picture and see if you can find all the shapes listed in the panel below.



Can you find all these shapes somewhere in the big picture?

a circle



a rectangle



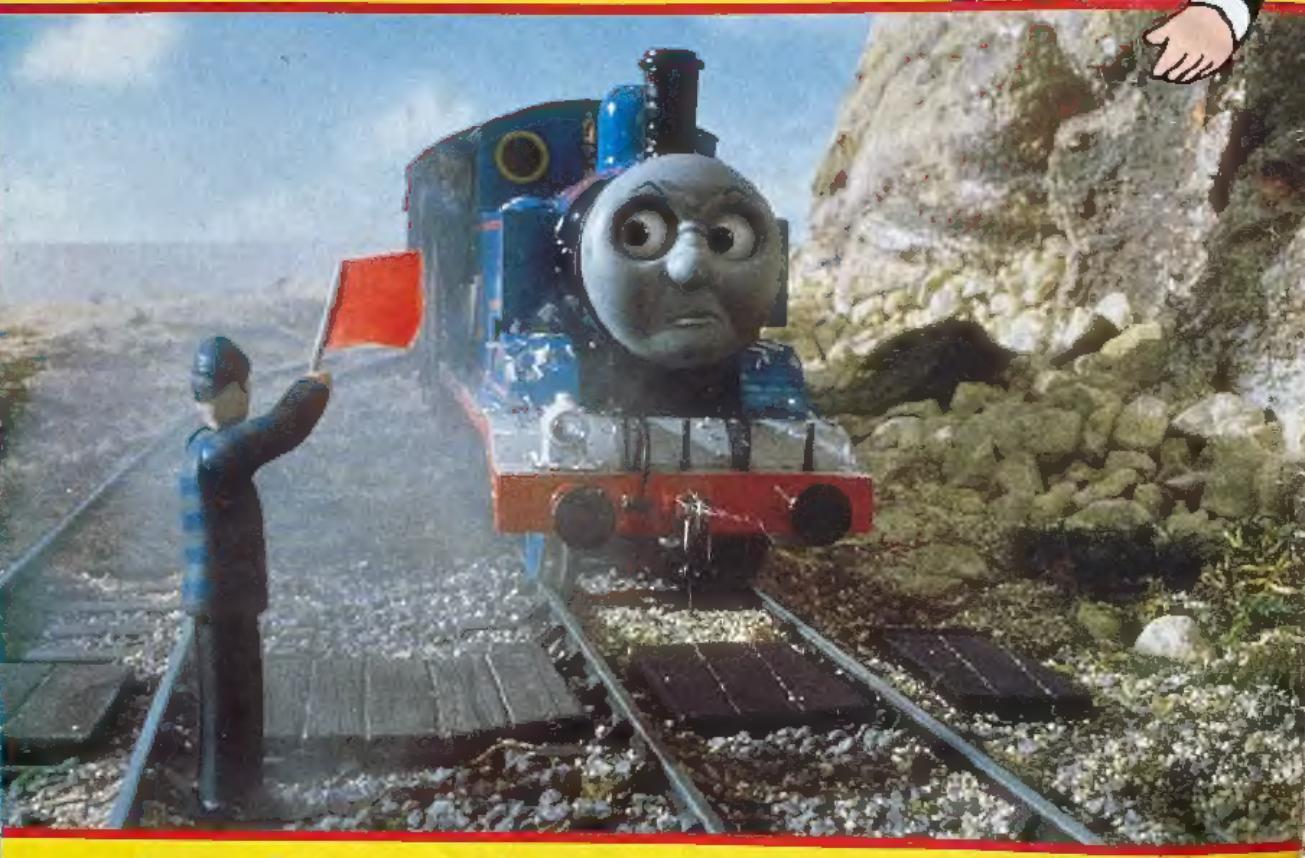
a triangle



a star



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